



## State Senator **HARRY GAST** R-20th Senate District



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**Committees:** Appropriations (Chair) (Subcommittees: Agriculture; Capital Outlay (Chair);  
Community Colleges (Chair); Environmental Quality; Natural Resources); Natural  
Resources and Environmental Affairs

**Biography:** Republican, of St. Joseph; born September 19, 1920, at St. Joseph; attended  
St. Joseph Public High School and Michigan State University; married, wife Jean;  
children: Barbara, Linda, and Dennis; former supervisor, Lincoln Township; former  
treasurer, Lincoln Township; farmer; former member, County Board of Public Works  
and County Board of Health; member Farm Bureau, Lions, and Honorary Jaycees;  
former member, Lakeshore School Board; Baptist; elected to the House of  
Representatives, 43rd District, 1970, 1972, 1974, and 1976, serving on Taxation,  
Towns and Counties, Conservation and Elections Committees; elected to the  
Michigan State Senate, 22nd District, 1978, 1982, 1986, 1990, and to the 20th District,  
1994; elected Republican Assistant Caucus Chairman; Legislator of the Year Award,  
Michigan Agricultural Conference, 1986; Legislator of the Year Award, Michigan  
Association of Chiefs of Police, 1986; Legislator of the Year Award, Michigan  
Townships Association, 1988; Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree, Northern  
Michigan University, 1988; Conservationist of the Year Award, Michigan United  
Conservation Clubs, 1989; Honorary Doctor of Law degree, Andrews University,  
1989; named one of ten best lawmakers by *The Detroit News*, 1992; Meritorious  
Service Award, Michigan Association of Agriculture, June 1993; Associate Farmer of  
the Year, Michigan Vegetable Council, January, 1994; recognition from Natural  
Resources Trust Fund, 1996; Guardian of Small Business Award, 1996; Michigan  
Recreation and Parks Association Legislative Award, 1997; Distinguished Service to  
Agriculture Award by Michigan Farm Bureau, 1998; honored by Agricultural and  
Natural Resources Products Tourism Conference; Certificate of Recognition and  
Appreciation from Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural  
Resources, 1999.

